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TAGS: PLOS, ML

SUBJ: ARTICLE IN OFFICIAL DAILY HOSTILE TO USG

POSITION ON LOS

1. OFFICIAL DAILY "L'ESSOR" OF JUNE 9 CARRIED LONG UNSIGNED ARTICLE ON LOS COMMITTEE I NEGOTIATIONS ATTACKING EFFORTS OF THE "SUPERPOWERS" TO "MONOPOLIZE AND PILLAGE" SEABED RESOURCES. BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION WERE SINGLED OUT FOR HARSH CRITICISM. THE ARTICLE MADE SHORT SHRIFT OF THE U.S. POSITION FAVORING PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN PARALLEL DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD PROVIDE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. FROM THEIR EXPERIENCES, IT WAS STATED, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES KNOW THAT "NO TECHNOLOGY IS EVER BESTOWED BY THE DEVELOPED POWERS ON DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." THE USG WAS FURTHER ACCUSED OF THREATENING UNILATERAL EXPLOITATION OF SEABED RESOURCES SHOULD  
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CONFERENCE FAIL.

2. ARTICLE THEN ATTACKED SOVIET IDEA OF "NEW SYSTEM" TO REPLACE PARALLEL DEVELOPMENT. BONE OF CONTENTION HERE WAS THAT, WHILE SOVIETS SPOKE OF "NEW SYSTEM", THEY CONTINUED TO RESERVE RIGHT, AS UNDER PARALLEL DEVELOPMENT, OF SIGNATORY COUNTRIES TO UNDERTAKE DEVELOPMENT "IN THE NAME

OF THE ADMINISTRATION".

3. FINAL SECTION REPORTED THAT CHINESE DELEGATE HAD SUPPORTED THE GROUP OF 77 AND STATED THAT GROUP'S PROPOSAL MUST SERVE AS BASIS FOR DEBATE. ESSENCE OF PROPOSAL IS THAT DEEP SEABED RESOURCES MUST ULTIMATELY BE EXPLOITED BY AN "ADMINISTRATION" THAT REPRESENTS ALL HUMANITY AND HAS TOTAL CONTROL OVER SUCH OPERATIONS. AFTER A TRANSITORY PERIOD INVOLVING OTHER "ENTERPRISES", ADMINISTRATION WOULD TAKE TOTAL CHARGE. THIS, STATES ARTICLE, IS ONLY WAY TO PROTECT DEEP SEABED RESOURCES FROM PILLAGE BY MONOPOLY OF SUPERPOWERS.

4. COMMENT: CHINESE SLANT TO ARTICLE LEAVES LITTLE DOUBT AS TO ITS ORIGIN. PLACEMENT OF ARTICLE IN "L'ESSOR" AND ABSENCE OF BY-LINE INDICATE TACIT ACCEPTANCE OF ARTICLE'S CONTENTS BY RULING MILITARY COMMITTEE.  
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